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## **Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum features Tarawa exhibit**

CASPER – The Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum, located on the grounds of the Natrona County International Airport, formerly the WWII Casper Army Air Base, 3740 Jourgensen, Casper, Wyo., is open from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

The museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibit of artifacts, uniforms, memorabilia, personal and historic records related to all military conflicts residents of the United States participated.

The museum features a different exhibit each month. The exhibit for May is a collection of items obtained from Japanese soldiers after the three-day invasion of Tarawa by American Forces, on Nov. 20, 1943. The exhibit includes items from Casper resident Stan Wedlock.

It was the first amphibious landing in the Pacific Campaign where the Japanese resisted the landing. It was also heavily covered by the media; their reports of heavy casualties triggered a congressional investigation.

For more information, contact the museum at (307) 472-1857.